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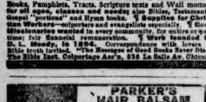
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SEASON IN BASEBALL HISTORY

High Spots In the Three Big Sizing Up the Situation. Leagues-New Players Pitchers Acquired by the Federals.

Cleveland Americans. Had it not been

for the fact that the Federals took a

large number of their best players the

Pittsburgh team. experts agree, could

have entertained good hopes of win-

ning the pennant. The Philadelphia

Nationals have lost nearly all their

While the Federals are not recog-

nized by the Nationals or the Amer-

icans, widespread interest centers in

their advent. It is an ambitious un-

dertaking, is this new venture in the

game which kills off so many grand-

mothers every year. James A. Gilmore,

president of the new league, says that

there is \$50,000,000 behind the Feder-

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LEADING MANAGERS. (1) Griffith, Washington Americans; (2)

McGraw, New York Nationals; (3) Mack. Philadelphia Americans; (5) Clarke, Pitts-

als, and he gives the list of backers.

among which are numbered a dozen millionaires. Incidentally the richest club in the Federal list is the Brook-

President Glimore's league is seeking

to arrange a round robin series be

tween the three leagues for the world's

championship, but Ban Johnson, acting

officially for the national commission

says there is nothing doing on that

Federal League Pitchers.

Here are the pitchers enlisted by the

Chicago-"Ad' Breman, Philadelphia

Nationals; Claude Hendrix, Pittsburgh

Nationals: C. J. Watson, Milwaukee,

American association: Thomas Me-

Guire, semipro.; John Glaser, semi-

pro.; Dave Block, semipro.; Erwin

Lang, semipro.: Leo Prendergast, Pe-

oria, I. I. lengue; Henry Schmidt.

Indianapolis-Fred Falkenberg, Cleve-

land Americans; George Mullin, De-

troit Americans; Earl Mosely, Boston

Red Sox: Fred Harter, 1: 1, 1, league.

and George Kaiserling and Harry Bil-

St. Louis-William Morgan, Salt

Lake City: Edgar Willett, Detroit

Americans; E. Bushman, Highland,

Ill.; G. Williams, St. Louis; Mordecal

Brown (manager) and J. Herbert, Cin-

cinnati; Otis Crandall, New York Na-

tionals; Bob Groom. Washington Amer-

icans; Harry Cooper, St. Louis Feder-

Baltimore-Jack Quinn, formerly of

Rochester and Boston Nationals;

George Suggs, St. Louis Nationals;

Frank Smith, Montreal; Irvin K. Wil-

helm. Rochester; Joe Finneran, Phila-

delphia Nationals; Herbert Young.

New Bedford, New England league; P.

J. Conley, J. M. Allen and Jack Ridge-

Kansas City-Eugene Packard, Cin-

cinnati Nationals; W. Stone, Oak-

land: Ben Harris, Denver. Western

lengue; George Raumgardner, St. Louis

Americans: Blanding, Cleveland Amer-

leans: Pete Henning, Ira Hogue and

George Hogan, with the Kansas City

Buffalo-Russell Ford, New York

Americans; Earl Moore, Chicago Na-

tionals; George Kahler, Cleveland

Americans: Eugene Krapp, Cleveland

Americans; Fred Anderson, Boston

Red Sox; Edward Purroy, Robert

Brooklyn-J. A. Maxwell, Toronto;

B. Sommers. Chattanooga: Edward

Lafitte, Providence: Thomas Seaton,

Philadelphia Nationals; W. H. Chap-

In spite of the fact that Gilmore and

his associates put up the money for

the enterprise, the real credit for the

founding of the Federal league should

go to three ball players-Tinker, Brown

and Stovall. The entire fabric of the

new organization was built around the Tinker deal, and once that had been

Federals last year.

pelle, Chattanooga

Brown and Harry Houses.

als; William Jenney, St. Louis.

liard. Indianapolis Federals.

Milwaukee, American association.

proposition.

Federal lengue:

greatest players to the newcomers.

VAUNT the Pacama dispute among our solons at Washington, the big row in Mexico, the home rule fight in Ireland and like bidders for the front page! We're on the eve of the baseball season! April 14 is the date. Then will the two major leagues begin the annual struggle for the pennant, while a day earlier the Federal league will make its debut. Nineteen-fourteen is going to be the

of Promise.

biggest year in baseball. Of that there is no doubt. The entry of a third big league this year and the consequentrivalry to annex star performers on the diamond is one of the principal contributing causes of the tense interest in the outcome of the games about to be played.

From the players' viewpoint this will be the biggest senson because of the boosts in salaries due to the Federals' competition with the two major leagues for seasoned veterans and promising youngsters. The Federals have taken a mighty array of players away from the Nationals and Americans.

Highest Paid Player.

Topping the list of high salaried players stands Tris Speaker, who will get \$35,000 for two seasons with the Boston Red Sox. The Federals tried to sign up this wenderful outfielder. but the Red Sox management decided that \$17,500 a season was not too much to pay to hold fast to him. Other dia-



Photos by American Press Association.

PEDERAL LEAGUERS. (i) Brown, St. Louis: (i) Knabe, Balti (5) Tinker, Calcago; (4) Stovall

mond wonders have come not so far behind Speaker on the salary question. To give an idea of the cost of or ganized baseball the following figures are given:

To the club owners in the association of minor leagues the National and American leagues paid \$371,000 for young players last season. Organized baseball represents investments of more than \$10,000,000, the sum including only property holdings and not players that could be turned into cash. Minor league players in upward of 300 cities controlled by organized baseball draw salaries totaling more than \$400. 000 a month in the playing season. It costs more than \$150,000 to operate a major league baseball club for one season, that being far below the expenses of a pennant aspiring team or one encountering reverses outside the won and lost columns of the league stand-

What the Managers Get.

The manager of a big league team these days has a job worth while from a pecuniary standpoint. For instance, take John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants. He is the highest paid man in organized baseball. His pay envelope for the season foots up 30,000 shekels. Second place so far as money goes is a toss-up between Frank Chance, manager of the Yankees, and Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics. The salaries of both are around the \$20,000 mark. Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federals, also fares pretty well. He jumped to the new lengue after he had been sold to Brooklyn for \$15,000.

With the season four new big league managers will make their bow, They are Herzog of the Cincinnati Nationals, who formerly covered third base for the New York Giants and starred in the world's series against Boston two years ago; Hank O'Day of the Chicago Cubs, who used to be an umpire and was manager of the Cin-cinnati team in 1912; Robinson of the Brooklyns, who has a fine record of several years with the Baltimores and who as Manager McGraw's chief assistant developed Marquard and Demaree, and Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Americans, who has been a conch for several college nines.

Hard Hit by the Federals. The launching of the Federal league means that the two major leagues will suffer a loss of several hundred thousand dollars. The hardest hit clubs of the two big leagues are the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Nationals and the consummated Brown and Stovall signed players right and left. Brown and Stovall are the St. Louis and Kansas City.

New Players of Promise.

A newcomer in major league baseball feels about as comfortable as a bridegroom on his wedding day. He may have the stuff in him, but a bad begin ning means an uphill fight to regain a reputation, sacrificed to the samp judgment of stern critics in the blench who are intolerant of "bonehend" plays by novices or seasoned players

This intolerance of bad work hits the pitcher hardest. This year many new men from the small leagues will have their opportunity, the big opportunity that usually comes only once in a lifetime. There will be Quardas of the White Sox, Harry Harper of the Washingtons, Atchison of the Brooklyns, Palmero of the Giants, Pieb of the Yankees-ali untried in the field of big endeavor, but likely in point of achievement. Other new men will be Stock of the Giants, booked to take Herzog's place at third base, and Boone, probably at second for the Yan-

Eyes on Veterans Too.

Next to the question, "Will the new comers make good?" is the one, "Will the veterans show up in their old form? Some baseball expert has said that a professional player is at his best at the age of thirty-five. But, granted that is true, the man who makes his fiving with bat and ball has only a few years after that age in which to bid for the plaudits of the multitude. As a rule forty will find him among the has beens and his work only a memory among the "fans."

Hans Wagner, the Pittsburgh short stop, is most famous of the veteran players who soon will be forced to quit because of his age.

But Wagner's future is provided for.



Photos by American Press Association. MAJOR LEAGUE STARS.

(1) Speaker, Boston Americans; (2) Wagner, Pittsburgh Nationals; (3) Mathewson. New York Nationals; (4) Cobb. Detroit

Dreyfuss, the Pittsburgh owner, has said he would give him a life position. This promise is a reward for his long services as a player and adviser with his team.

When Christy Mathewson's pitching days are over he, too, can have a life job in an advisory capacity with the Giants If he wants it, but Mathewson has said that when he doffs the uniform he will quit the game for good. He is also on Easy street. Should be change his mind and stay in baseball he would probably be considered as a

What the Prophets Say.

Predicting the outcome of a basebali senson is about as much of a cinch as predicting the result of an election. Nevertheless, the dopesters insist on anticipating things. Now, with the whole baseball world waiting for the magic words, "Play ball!" this is how they size up the situation:

In the National league the New York Giants and Pittsburghs will probably carry off first honors. This forecast is based largely upon the fact that the Giants have thrice won the pennant and Pittsburgh, winning the trophy in 1908, has held up well in subsequent seasons. Also, the Giants have Mc-Graw, the peerless manager, and the Pittsburghers have Clarke, the oldest manager in point of service.

An important figure in the fortunes of the Boston Nationals is Johnny Evers, second baseman, who did such good work for Chicago in former years. With Evers' knowledge of inside base ball and the added strength of Boston's infield the Hub City stands a good chance of finishing ahead of Chicago.

In the American league the fight lies between the Philadelphia Athletics and Washington. The Athletics have marked up three world's series to their credit, and their infield is recognized as the best in the game. Washington has Walter Johnson, the best pitcher in the game, a fine catching staff, and the team as a whole can be depended upon for fast, heady work.

Much interest centers in whether Ty Cobb of the Detroit Americans, the greatest all around player in the business, will lead the batsmen of both leagues as he has the past three years. This is Cobb's eighth senson in the

In the Federal league Knabe's Baltimore team and Tinker's Chicagos are picked to lead. They seem to have the best combinations. Of course it is admitted that Miner Brown's St. Louis team may prove dangerous, for it has some crackerjack boxmen.

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